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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, dual enrollment programs offered by local community colleges are only available to eligible high school students who are enrolled in partnering K-12 local education agencies.

This bill would require dual enrollment courses offered by local community colleges and approved for dual credit by the State Department of Education to be available to eligible high school students through all local education agencies.

This bill would require each local education agency to award high school credit for completion of approved dual enrollment courses regardless of whether the local education agency incorporates dual enrollment courses into its standard curriculum.

This bill would also further provide for the requirements for students to enroll in dual enrollment courses.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to education; to extend the availability of



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29 approved dual enrollment courses offered by local community
30 colleges to high school students enrolled in all local
31 education agencies; to require each local education agency to
32 recognize and award high school credit for completion of
33 approved dual enrollment courses; and to further provide for
34 the requirements for students to enroll in dual enrollment
35 courses.

36 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

37 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
38 following terms have the following meanings:

39 (1) COMMUNITY COLLEGE. A two-year community or
40 technical college under the purview of the Alabama Community
41 College System.

42 (2) LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY. A county or city school
43 system operating public K-12 schools.

44 (3) SERVICE AREA. The area that a community college
45 serves, as determined by the Alabama Community College System.

46 (b) (1) A local education agency, upon the request of a
47 parent or legal guardian, shall permit an enrolled high school
48 student to enroll in any dual enrollment course that is
49 offered by a local community college and approved for dual
50 credit by the State Department of Education.

51 (2) The granting of permission does not obligate a
52 local education agency to incorporate any dual enrollment
53 course into its standard curriculum. The local education
54 agency shall recognize and award high school credit for
55 completion of all approved dual enrollment courses by a
56 student.



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57 (c) To be eligible for enrollment in a dual enrollment
58 course, a student shall meet with a counselor, career coach,
59 or other appropriate employee designated by the local
60 education agency. The counselor, career coach, or employee
61 shall evaluate the dual enrollment courses selected by the
62 student and shall determine the appropriateness of those
63 courses based on the preferred college and career interests of
64 the student. The student shall also consult with dual
65 enrollment personnel employed by the applicable local
66 community college regarding his or her course selections to
67 ensure the relevancy of those courses.

68 (d) Both the local education agency and the local
69 community college shall agree, in writing, on the course
70 selections of a student. Upon agreement, the local education
71 agency shall request, and the local community college shall
72 register the student for the selected and approved dual
73 enrollment courses.

74 (e) A local education agency is not financially
75 responsible for any costs associated with the participation of
76 a student in dual enrollment courses, unless otherwise
77 required by state or local law or policy.

78 (f) The State Department of Education and the Alabama
79 Community College System shall jointly prepare and distribute
80 to local education agencies guidelines for the implementation
81 of this section.

82 Section 2. This act shall become effective on August 1,
83 2025.